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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday, April 5, 2019

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- Slight risk of severe thunderstorms across **West/Central TX** with a **Marginal** risk into portions of north/south **TX** and **SW/central OK**.
- **Critical** fire weather conditions for **NE NM**.

Saturday - Sunday

- Slight risk of severe thunderstorms across much of the eastern half of Region 6 (**TX, LA, AR, OK**).
- Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding possible for **E/SE TX** into **LA/S AR**.

Monday - Tuesday

- No significant weather impacts expected.

River Flooding

- **Minor to Moderate** flooding will continue on the **Mississippi River** in **E AR/E LA**.
 - Impacts to shipping and industrial activities on the river, numerous flooded roadways near the river.
 - River levels will rise slightly over the next few days in **E AR** and some areas in minor flood stage may approach moderate flood stage, but minimal impacts are expected.
 - Current forecasts show levels in **E LA** will continue to fall into next week. However, current forecasts do not account for any additional rainfall beyond 24 hours or any flooding from the upstream portions of the **MS River**.
- **A few other rivers** in **AR/LA** will remain in minor to moderate flood stage with minimal impacts.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 5, 2019 – Apr 9, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Severe Storms	West/Central TX	Eastern ½ TX Much of OK/AR/LA	Eastern 1/3 TX Central/E OK AR/LA		
	North/South TX SW/Central OK				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		E/SE TX into the Arklatex and W LA	Far E/SE TX into LA and SAR		
Winter Weather					
Fire Weather	NE NM				
River Flooding	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA

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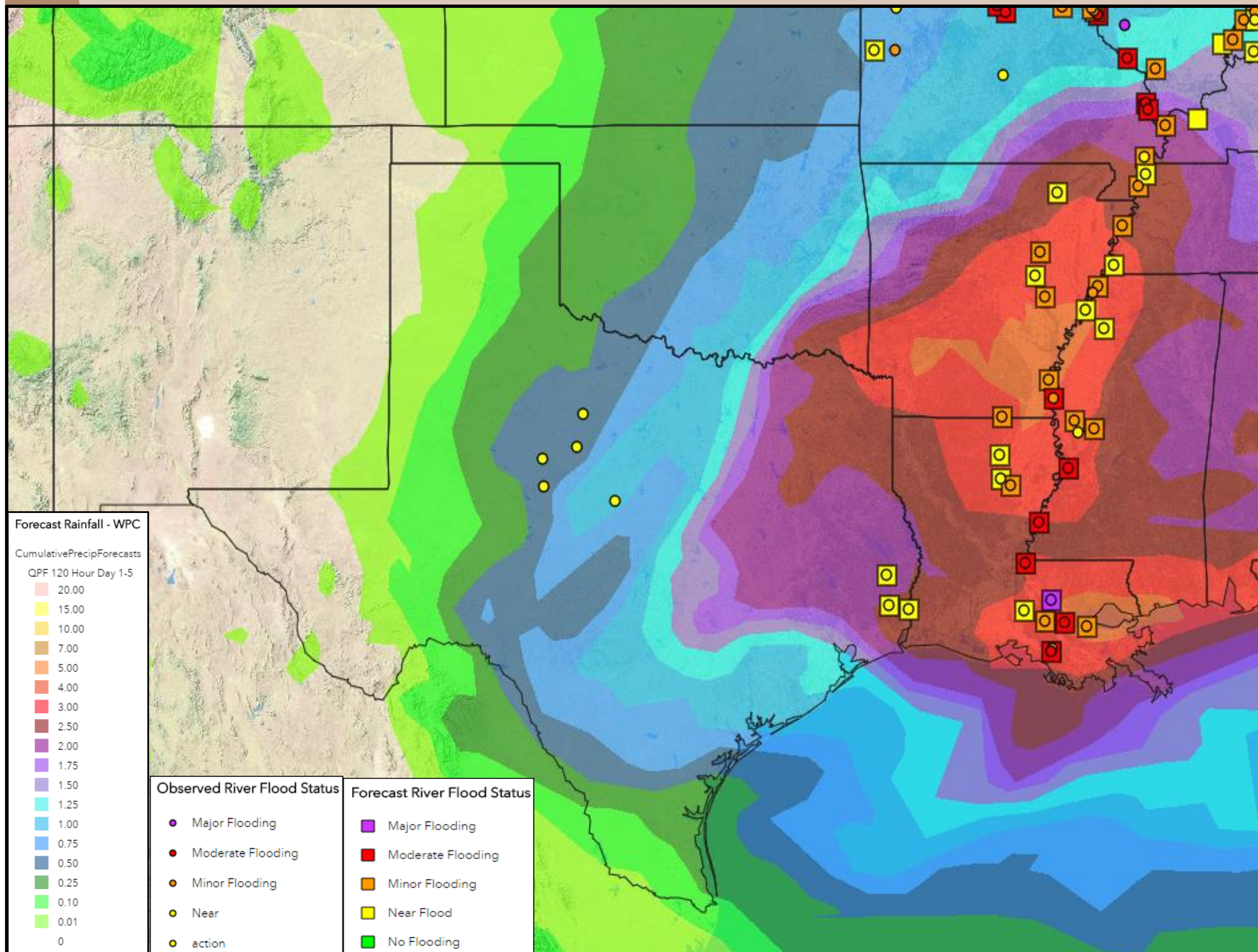
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5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Moderate flooding will continue on the Mississippi River in E AR/E LA. Keep in mind that current forecasts do not account for any additional rainfall beyond 24 hours or any flooding from the upstream portions of the Mississippi River.

Arkansas

- **MS River at Osceola, AR will rise early next week and be close to moderate flood stage. Flooding of county roads/fields along the river and most land inside the levee protections.**

Louisiana

- **MS River at Baton Rouge is at Major flood. Current forecasts have levels dropping into Moderate flood by early next week. Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected.**
- **Several other points remain at moderate flood.**
- **The Bonnet Carre Spillway is operating to reduce flow and maintain just under a 17.0ft stage at New Orleans. No significant impacts are noted.**

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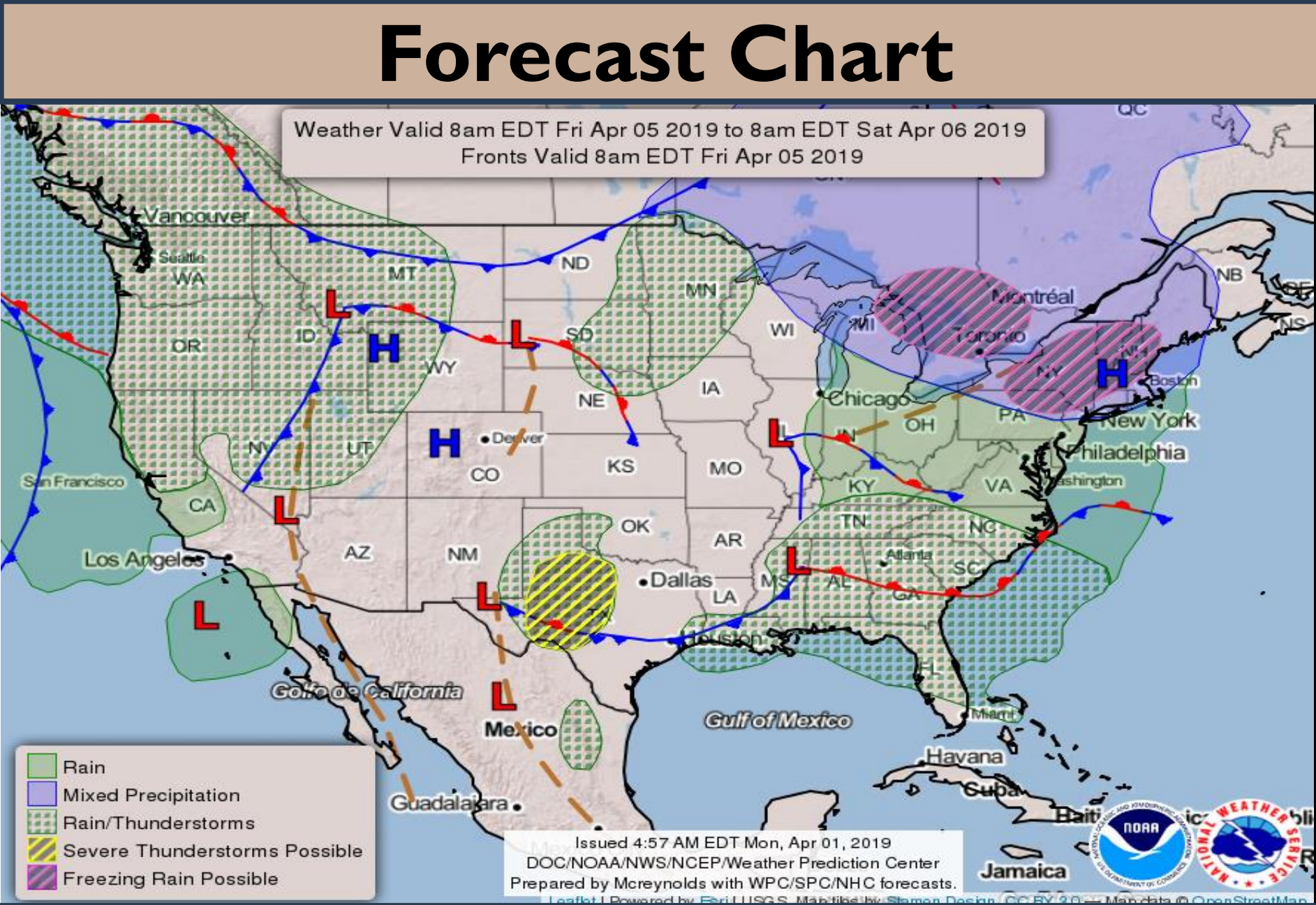
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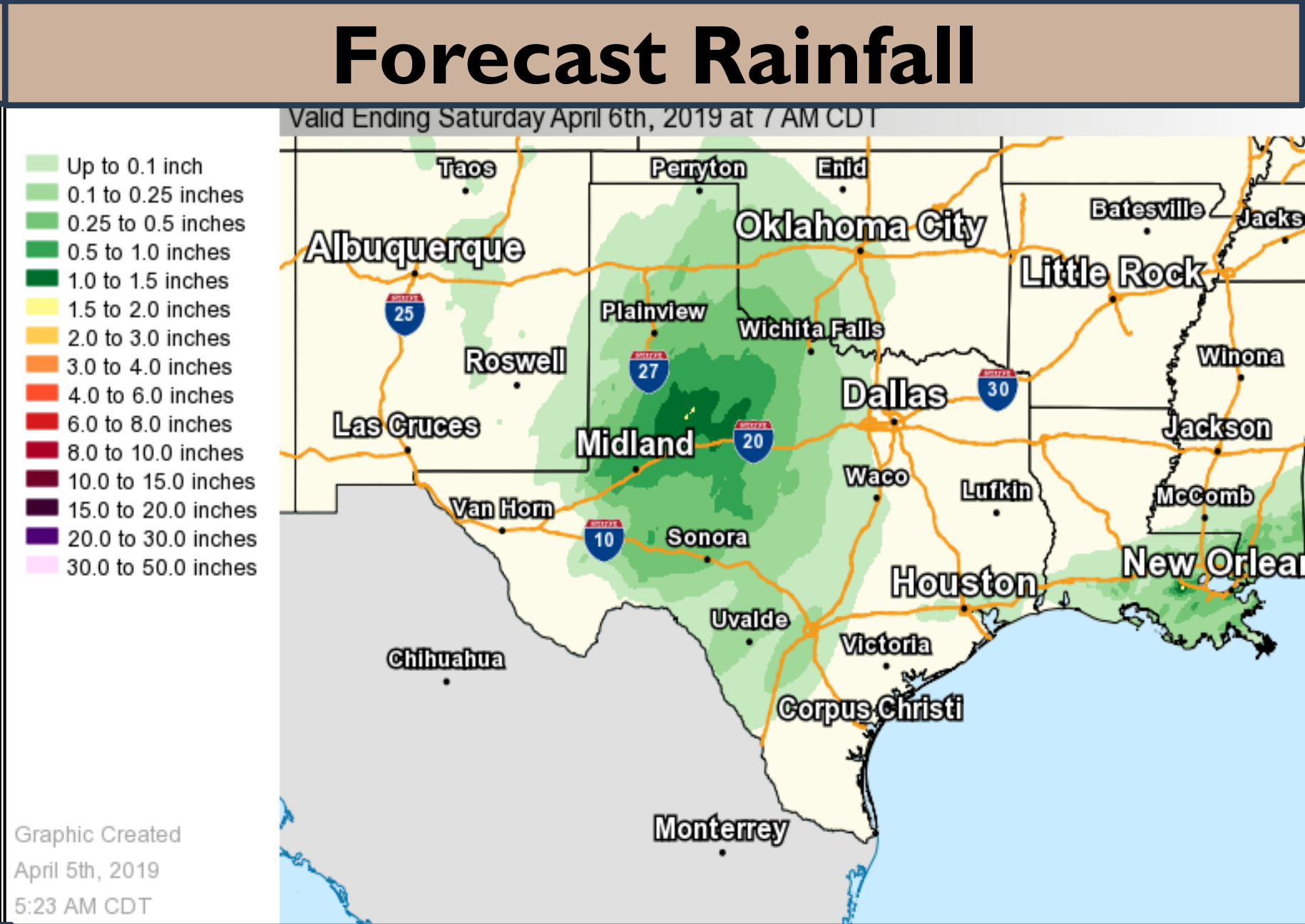
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Forecast Chart



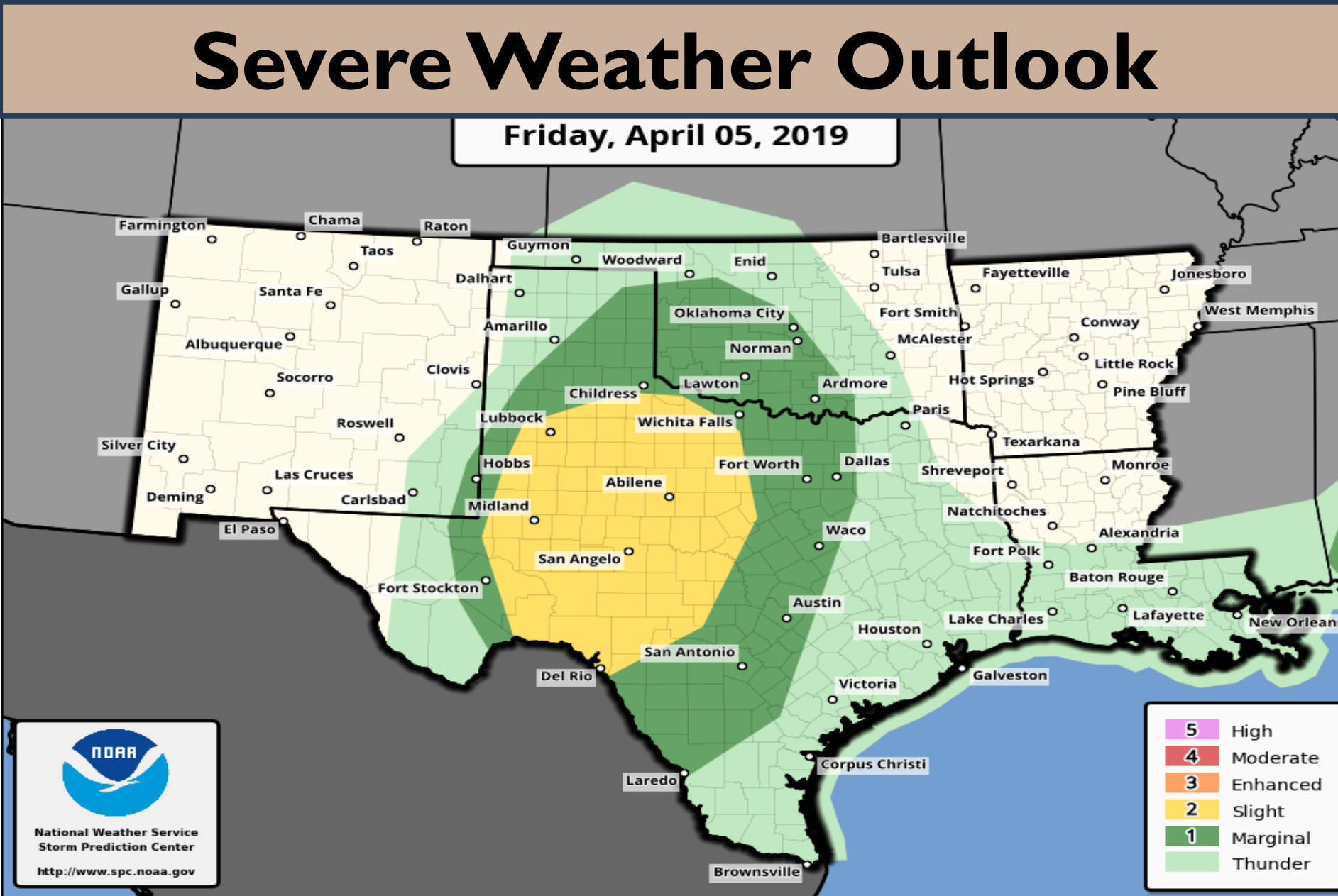
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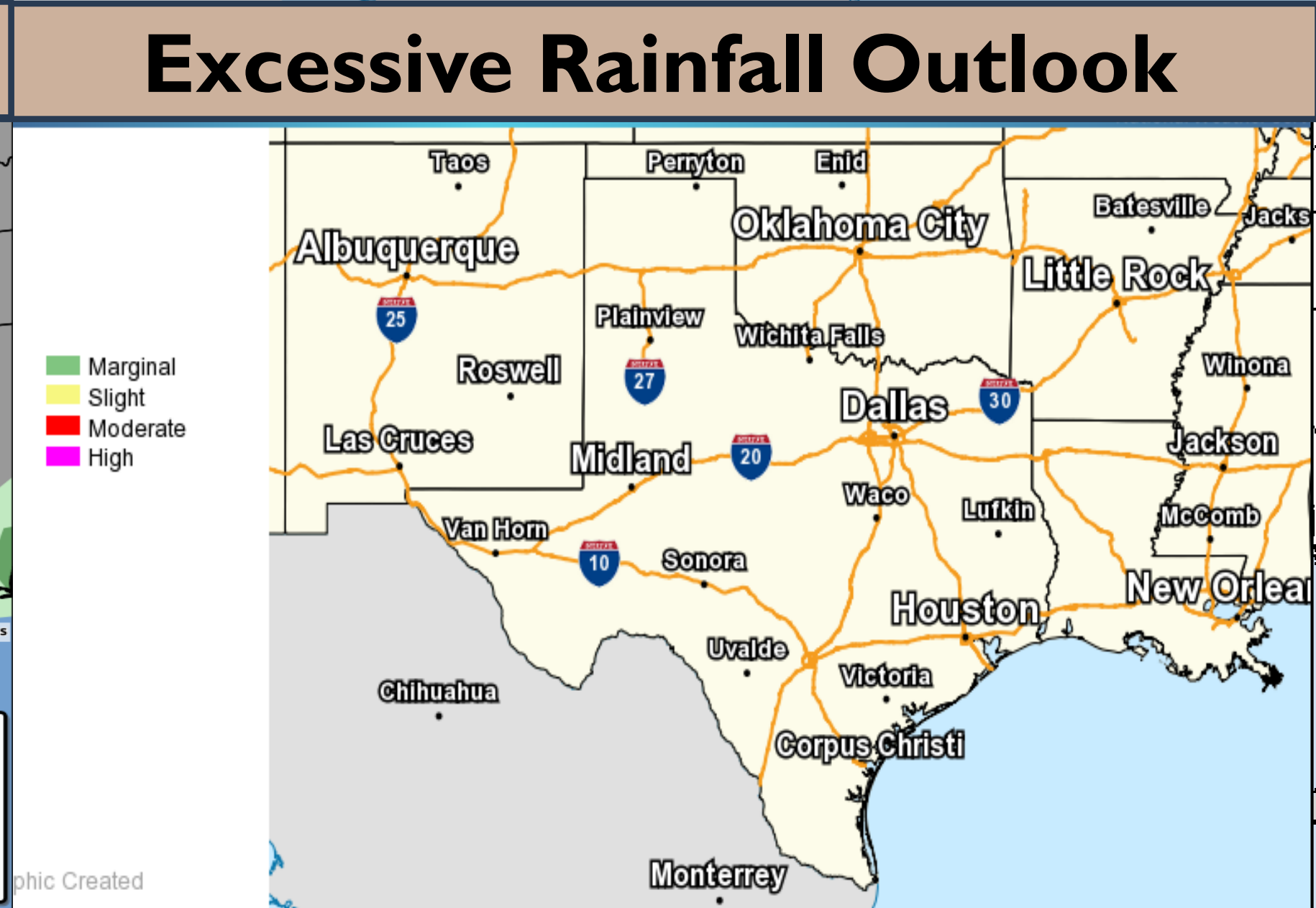
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

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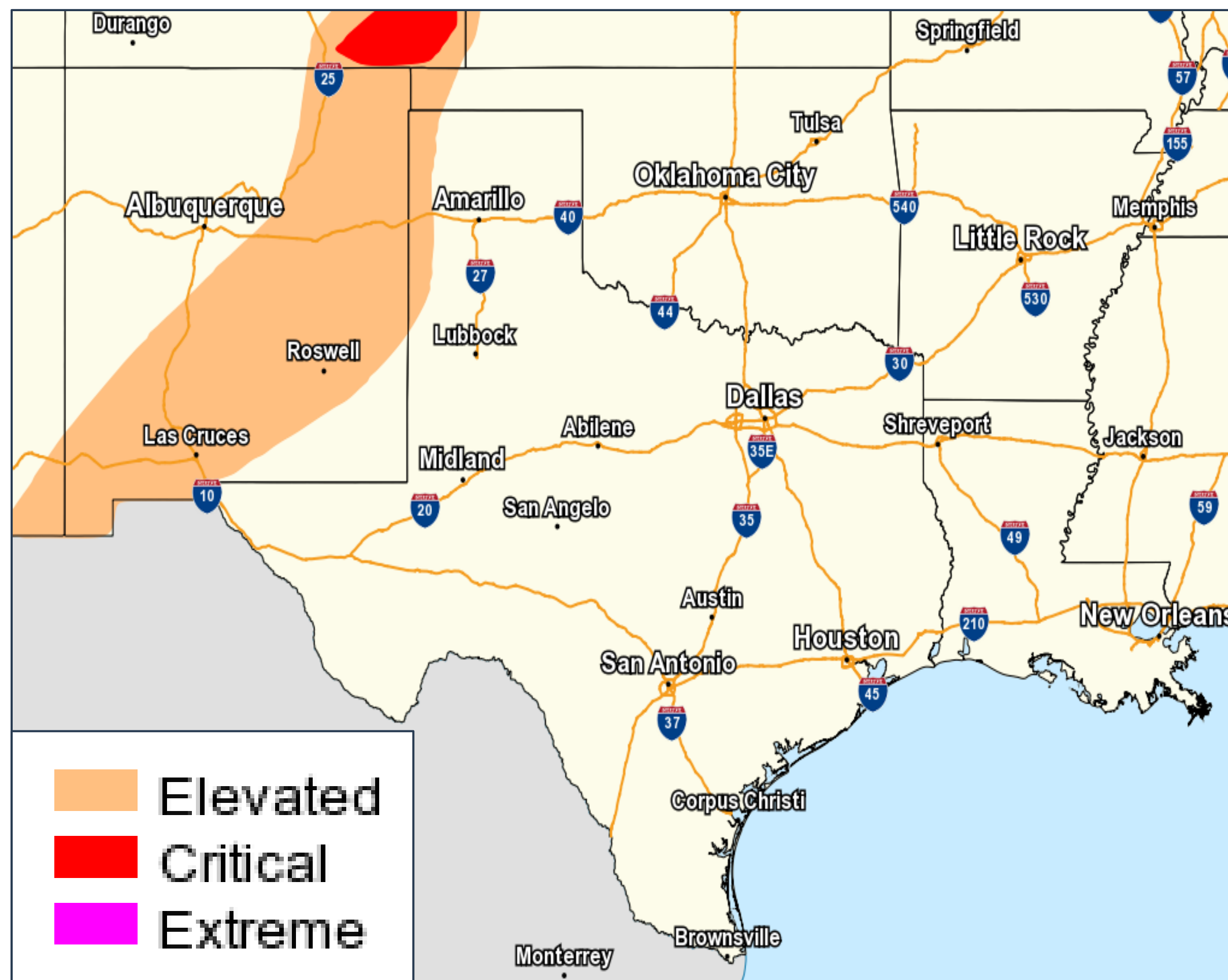
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Fire Weather Outlooks

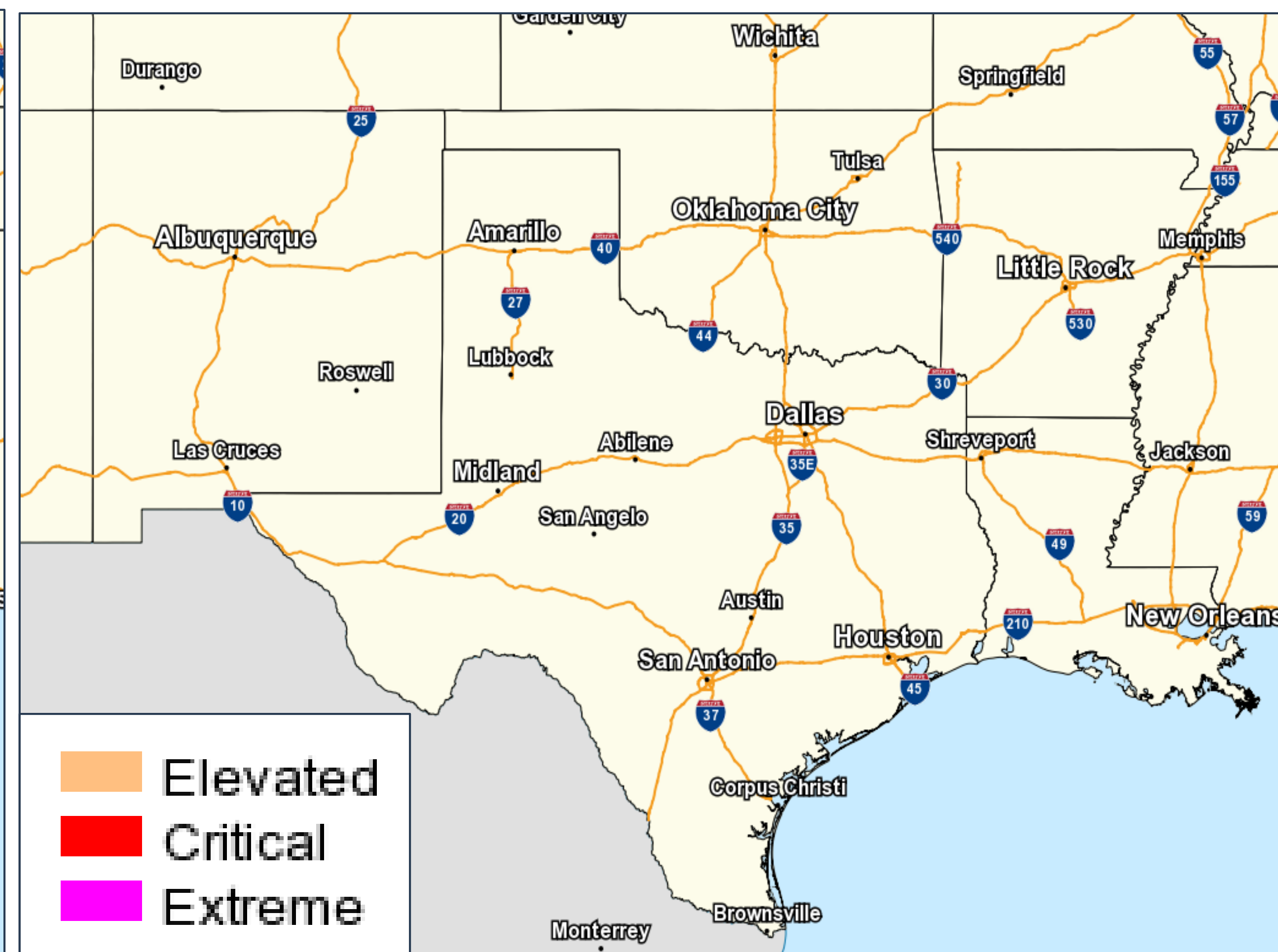


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Today's Fire Weather Outlook

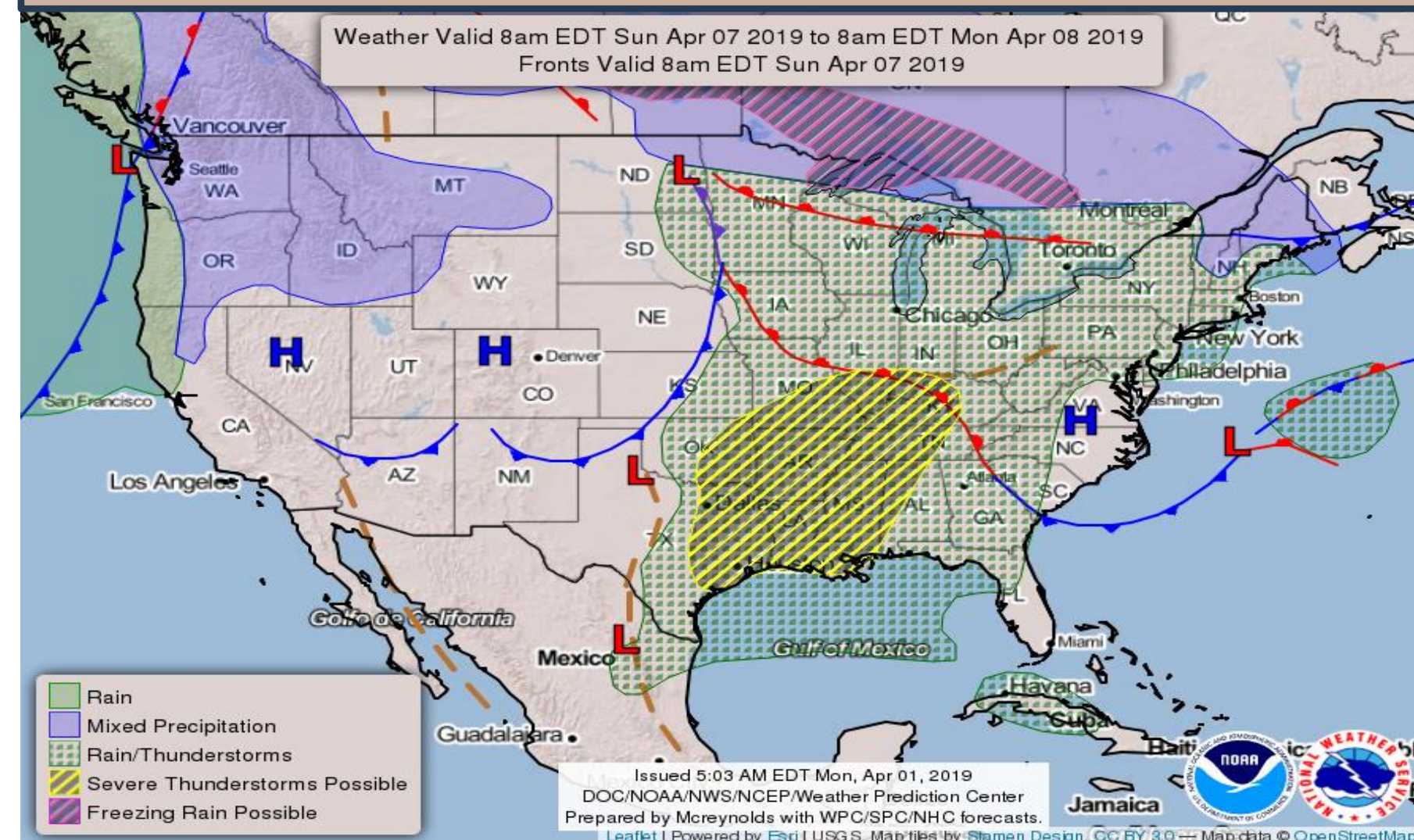


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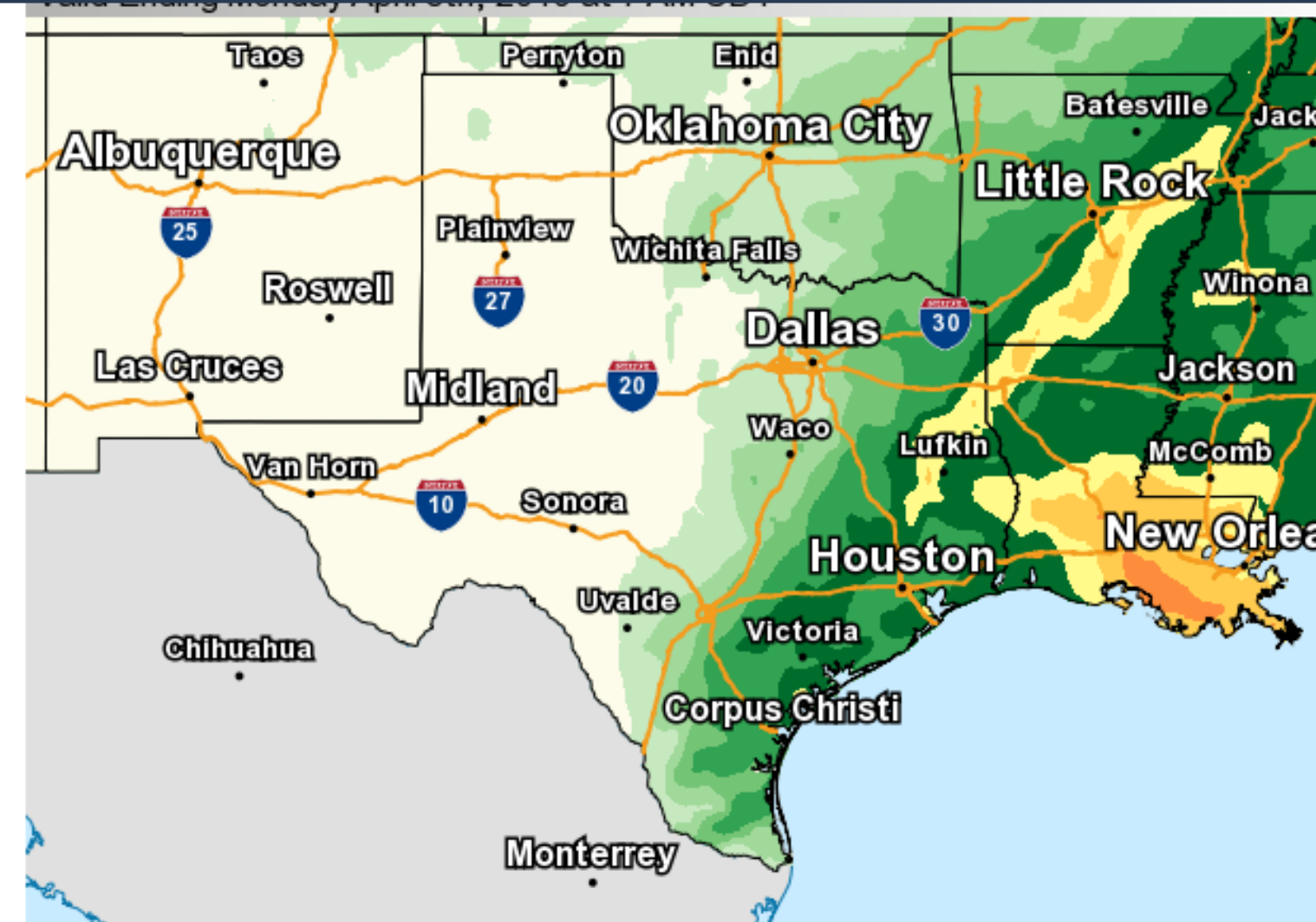
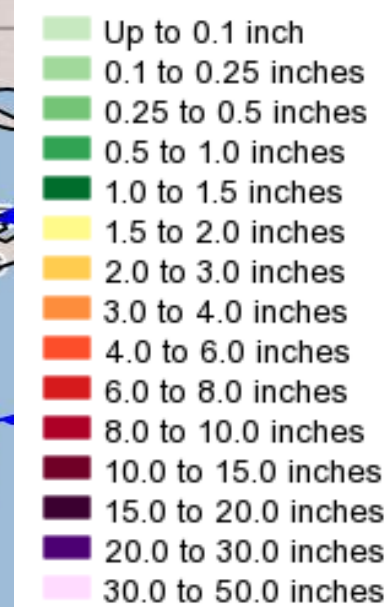


Sunday's Weather

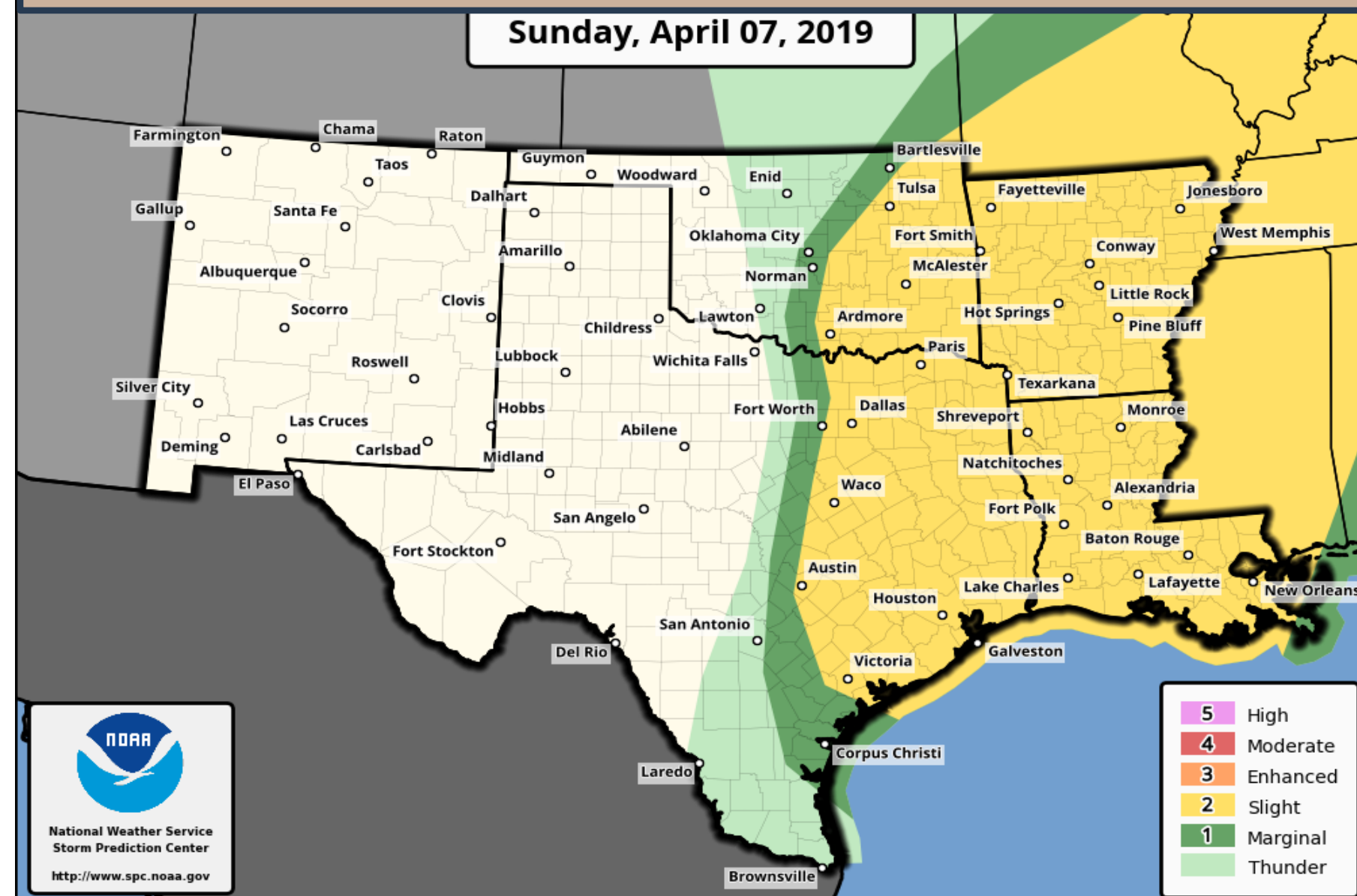
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Severe Weather Outlook



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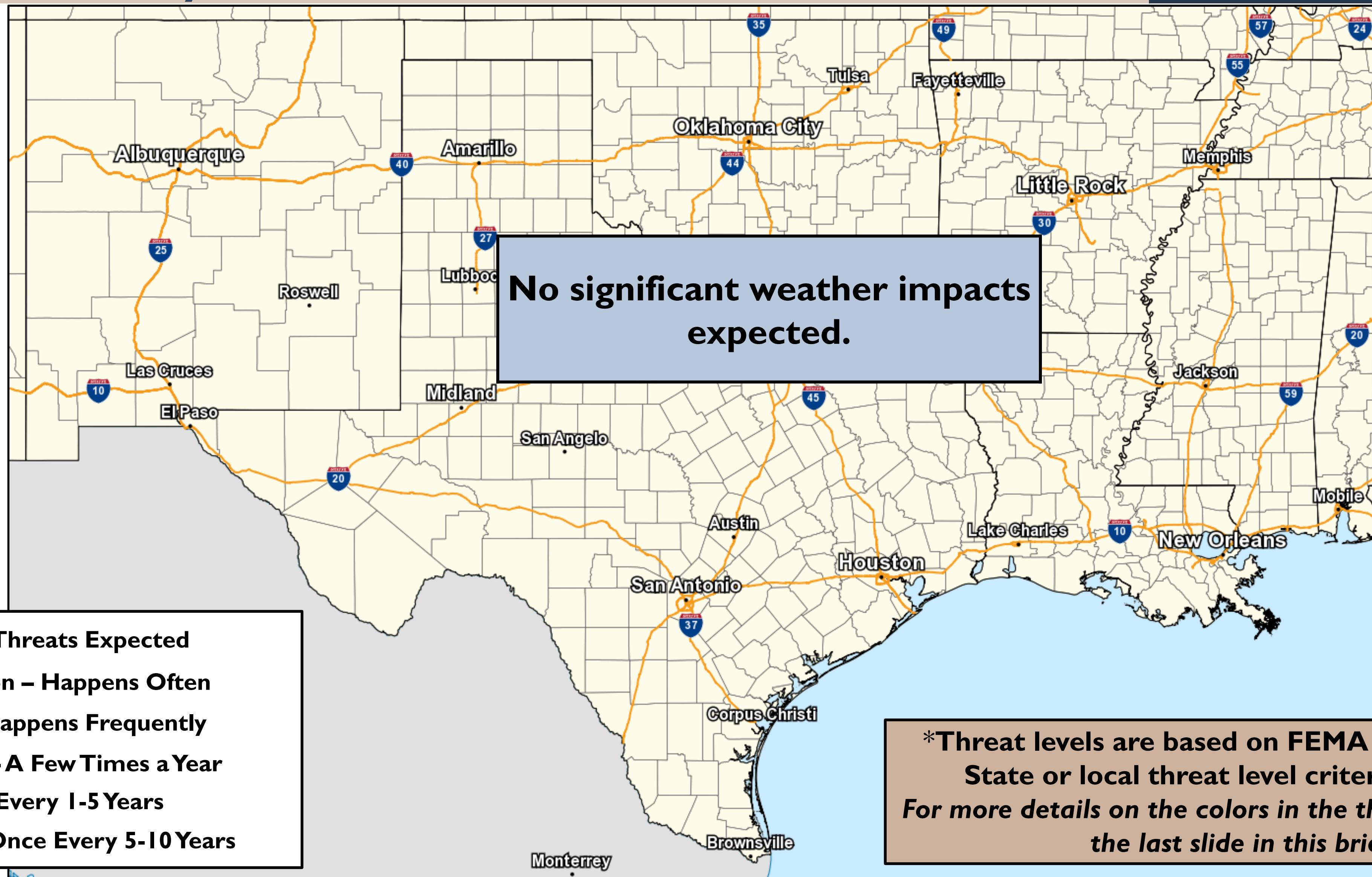
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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday – Tuesday



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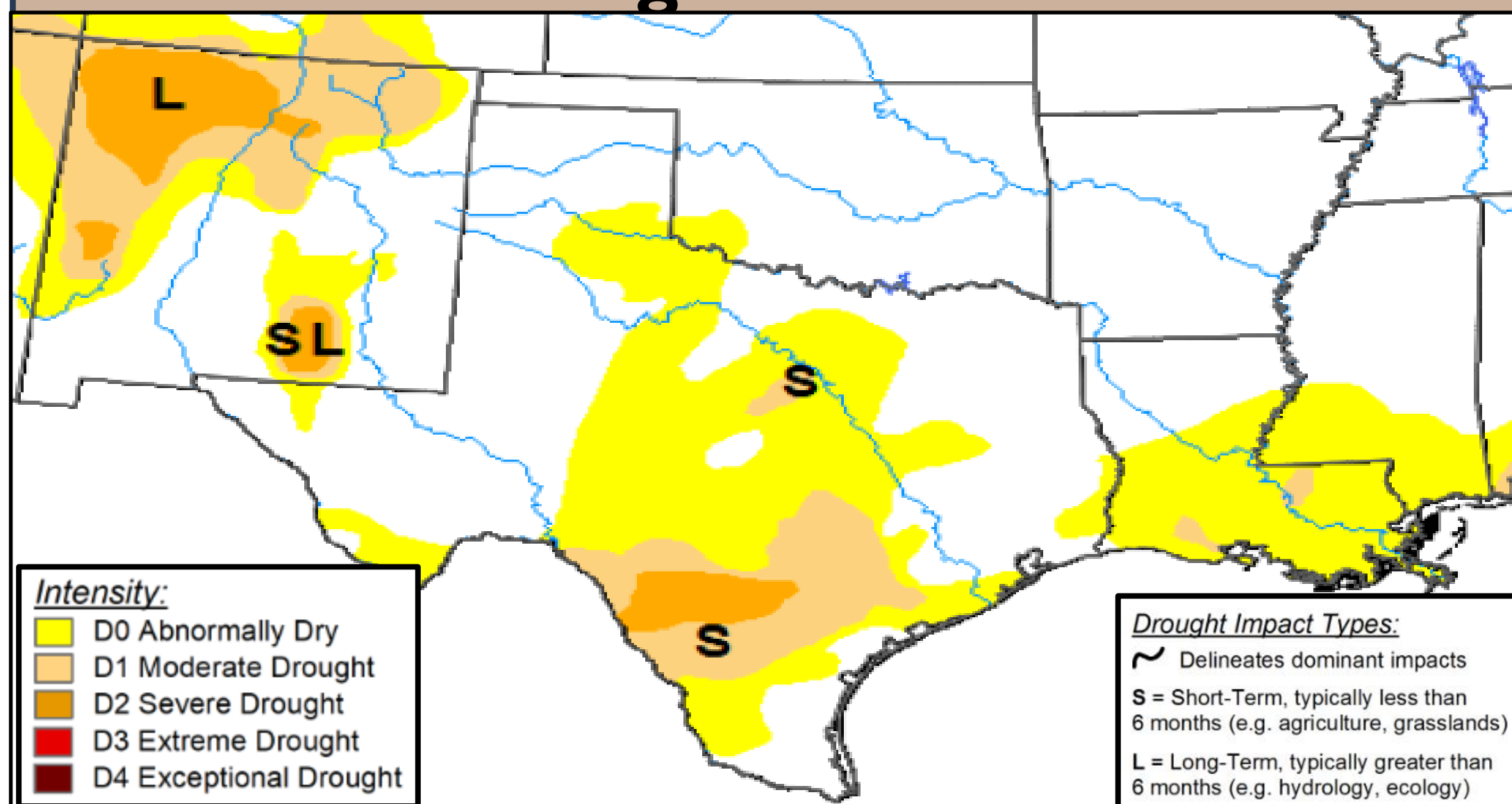
Drought Monitor (Released April 4, 2019)



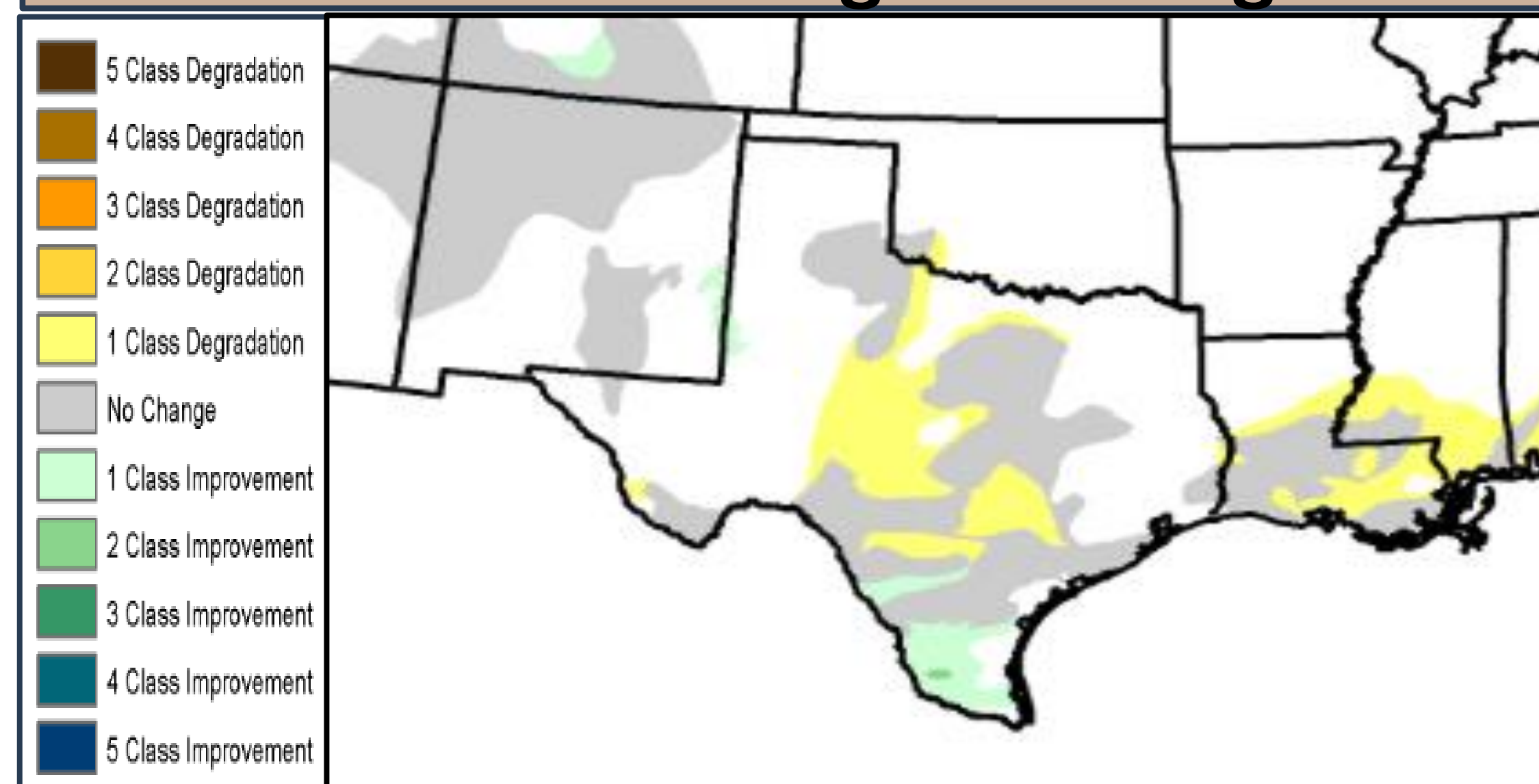
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Data valid as of 7am EST, Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Drought Monitor



One Week Change in Drought



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

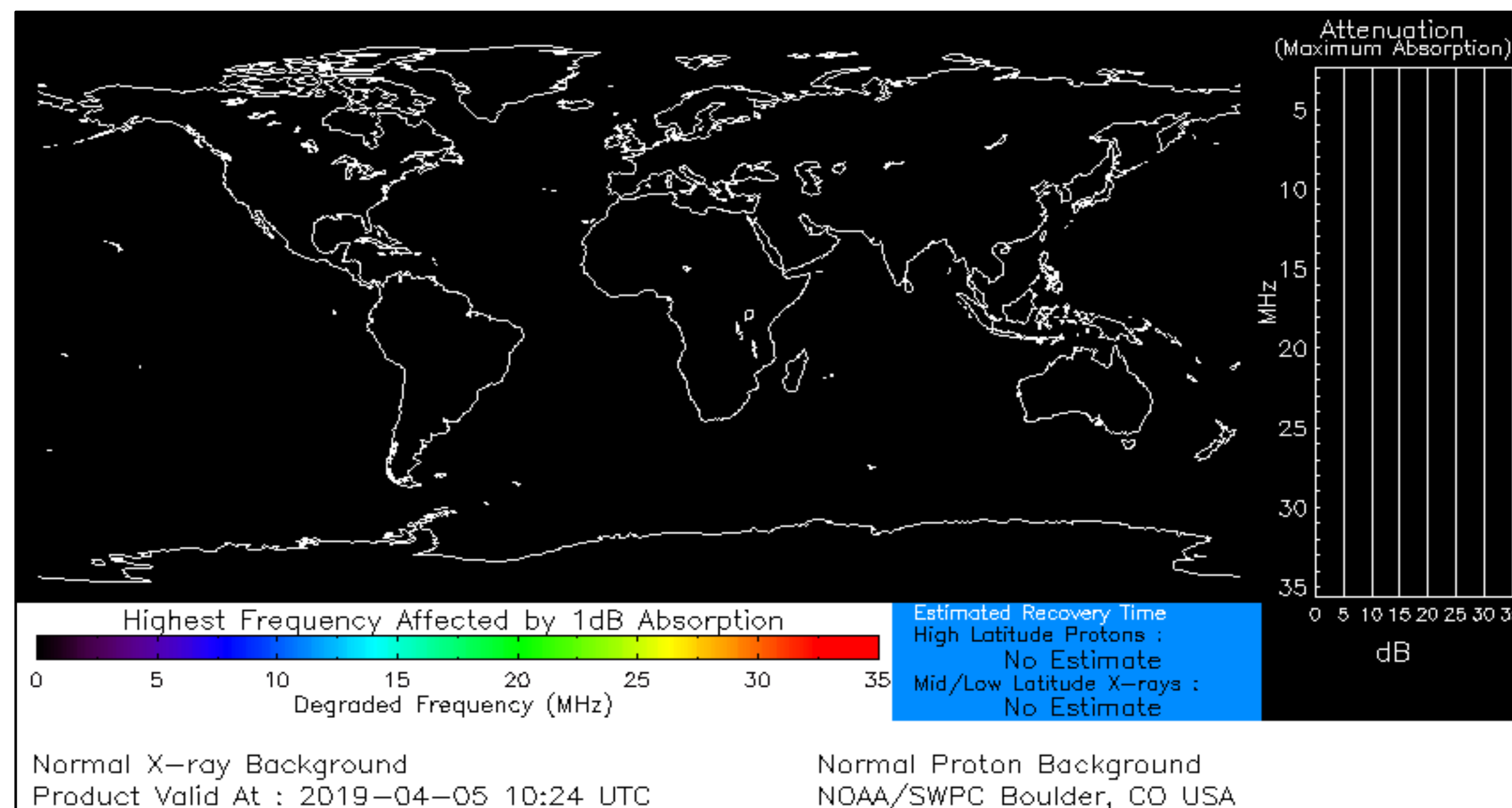
State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	19.67%	38.87%
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	34.85%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	13.21%

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



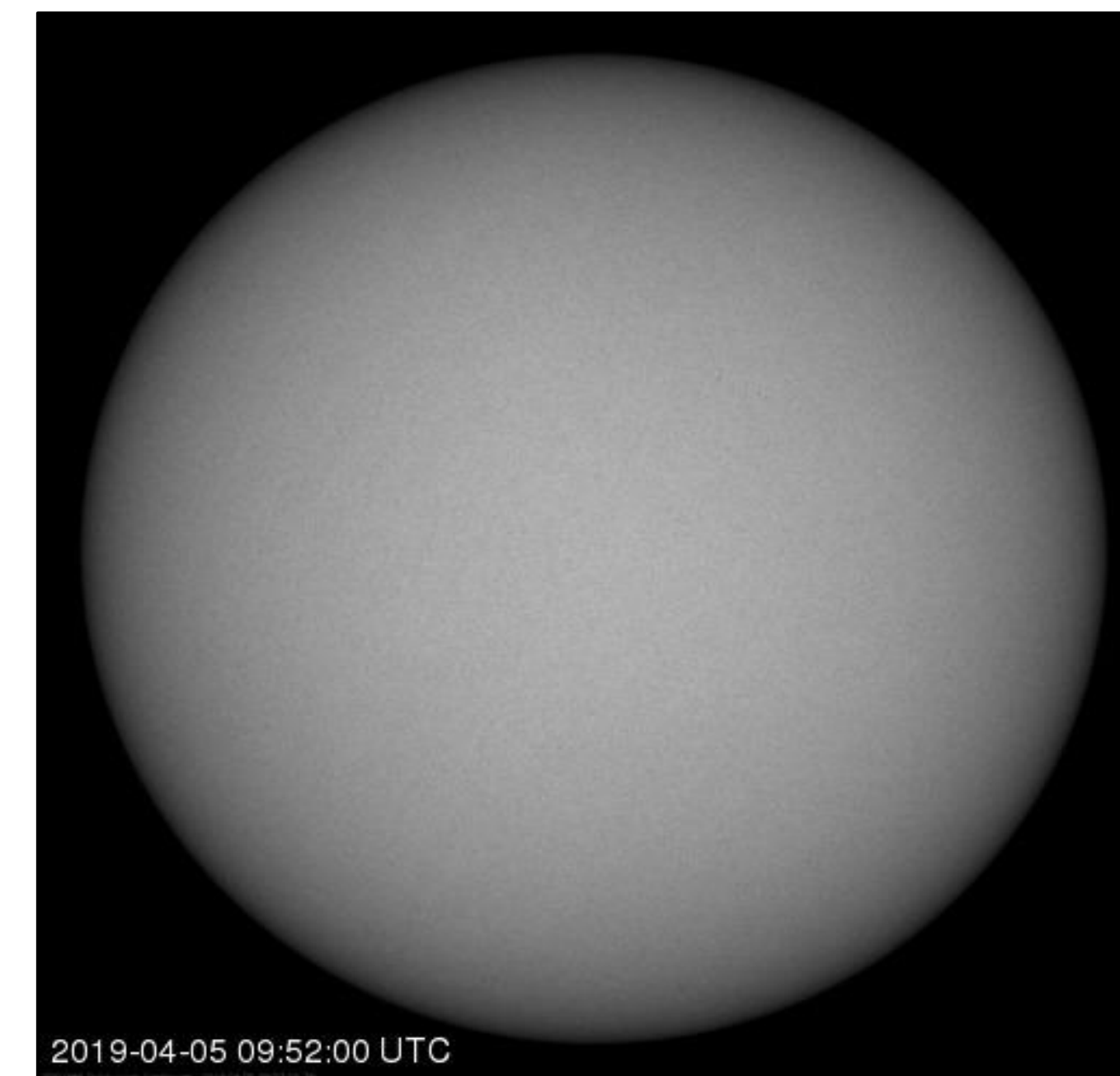
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)



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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

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